

"The Late Unpleasantness" July/August 2008



South Bay Civil War Round Table

San Jose, California

July 29th Meeting Speaker:
Alan Sissenwein on
"George Armstrong Custer"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope your 4th of July was enjoyable, with some time for celebration, fun, and relaxation.

Another great turnout for the June meeting. If you were unable to attend we missed you. My appreciation to Sharon Pope for a most interesting presentation on "Blockade Runners in the Civil War". Sharon's presentation revealed a number of new and intriguing insights related to the tactics and strategies of blockade runners, as well as a historical account of the U.S.S. Alabama. Great job, Sharon.

Our July program will be one I'm sure you will not want to miss, as our own Alan Sissenwein will speak on "George Armstrong Custer". We will be looking forward, with anticipation, to Alan's presentation.

Special "Thanks" are in order to our Treasurer, Renee Accornero, who has graciously volunteered to host our yearly Bar-B-Que/Picnic, at his home, on August 10th. (Please note more specific information, along with a map which is indicated elsewhere in the newsletter).

It was also encouraging to welcome four "new faces", as Barbara Laskin, Jim Woo, Ian Hong, and Stephanie Buran were first time visitors to the SBCWRT. It was a pleasure meeting each of you and we look forward to seeing all of you again.

Among other noteworthy items covered at the June meeting are as follows:

- (a) Our web-site is "up and running", thanks, in large part, to the efforts of Jim Lyons.
- (b) An update on our yearly West Coast Round Table Conference to be held in Clovis, CA. on November 7-9.
- (c) Communication, via e-mail, from Susan Ajax informing us that her father, Bill Burch, a long-time member of the SBCWRT, will be celebrating his 99th birthday on August 13th. Susan further indicated that Bill is no longer physically able to attend our meetings but sends his best wishes to the group and reminds us all that "the south will rise again". Happy Birthday, Bill

I will look forward to seeing each of you at our monthly meeting, Holder's Country Inn, on Tuesday, July 29th. A reminder to mark your calendars for the August 10th picnic.

Gary Moore, President

24th ANNUAL WEST COAST
CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE
CONFERENCE
November 7 - 9, 2008
Clovis, CA
"The Civil War in the
Shenandoah Valley" (More
information page 4)

REMINDER - ANNUAL BAR-B-QUE PICNIC ON AUGUST 10TH

Renee wanted the following information posted: Members and their guests are all welcome; "potluck" is the name of the game – sign up at the next meeting or call Renee at 268-7363; the cost is

\$5.00/person; membership fees are due. Additionally, officers will be elected. Guest speaker is Jack Leathers.

Directions: Take Almaden Expressway south to Camden Avenue and turn left. Turn left on Graystone Lane (approximately 1/2 to 3/4 mile) and quickly bear to the right. Address is 19039 Graystone Lane, San Jose, CA 95120. Map is on last page.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT- - LOOKING AHEAD

MONTH	PROGRAM TOPIC	SPEAKER
August	"George Armstrong Custer"	Alan Sissenwein
September	"John Buford at Gettysburg"	Tom Roza
November	"Baseball during the Civil War"	Fred Bohmfalk

IN MEMORIAL Hilles Cribari

The SBCWRT wishes to extend its sincere condolence to Al Cribari and family members on the recent passing of Hilles Cribari. Both Al and Hilles have been long time members of the SBCWRT. We will all miss Hilles.

HAPPY 99th BIRTHDAY
To
BILL BURCH on August 13th
Happy Birthday from all of us at SBCWRT

Answers to June Quiz (On the Battle of Murfreesboro)

1. What was the other name for this battle? ***Battle of Stone's River***
2. Who replaced Don Carlos Buell to command the Union Army that fought there? ***Maj. General William Rosecrans***
3. Where was the army based? ***Nashville***
4. What was the nickname given to Rosecrans by his troops? ***"Ole Rosey"***
5. When the confederate corps under Hardee attacked the Union troops under McCook, whose Union division held its ground? ***Sheridan's Division***
6. What geographic position on the battlefield did the Union hold against Polk's attack? ***"The Round Forest"***
7. What Confederate general was killed in the attack on the Round Forest? ***Brig. Gen. James A. Chalmers***
8. What was another name for the Round Forest? ***"Hell's Half Acre"***
9. Whose Federal brigade held the Round Forest? ***Gen. William B. Hazen's***
10. What happened on New Year's Day at this battle? ***Both Armies did not fight, but held their positions***
11. On January 2, what move did Rosecrans make? ***Dispatched a division to take a hill across Stone's River to the east***
12. From whose corps did the division come? ***Crittenden's Corps***
13. When ordered by Bragg to take the hill across the river on the Union left, how did Breckinridge react? ***Breckinridge protested Bragg's order***
14. Who won the battle on the hill? ***Confederates***
15. What forced the Confederates to give up the hill? ***The massed fire of 58 Union cannons***
16. What were the approximate losses to both armies? ***Confederate 12,000 Union 13,000***
17. How much of the Union army was AWOL or in the hospital when Rosecrans took command before the battle? ***One third (1/3) of the Union Army***
18. What pressure did Rosecrans face from Washington when he took command? ***Stage an offensive or be replaced***
19. What did Rosecrans call his staff officers? ***"Sandy Fellows"***
20. Rosecrans got authority to do what to errant officers while the army was on the move? ***Muster the officers out of the army***

REMINDER - NO NEWSLETTER IN AUGUST

As our picnic is scheduled for August 10, 2008, there will be no monthly meeting on the last Tuesday of August and no newsletter published in August. The next Newsletter will be mailed in mid-September. This is an abbreviated issue with my apologies (personal issues but not serious), and I will be back on track in September. Have a great picnic, folks!

July Quiz “Gettysburg” by Larry Comstock

1. What was the date of the early-morning replacement of General Hooker by General Mead as Commander of the Army of the Potomac?
2. What general was retained as head of the left-wing of the Army of the Potomac?
3. What three Corps did this general command?
4. What general believed he was head of the right-wing of the Army of the Potomac?
5. What Confederate general led the Army of Northern Virginia into Pennsylvania?
6. What Confederate general was the first to start the Battle of Gettysburg?
7. Name all the Union generals that had the overall responsibility for the field of battle at Gettysburg on the first day.
8. What physical feature was located at the tip of the salient in the III Corp’s line on July 2?
9. Whose Union brigade held Little Round Top against the Confederate attack on July 3?
10. What regiments constituted this brigade?
11. What Union corps occupied Culp’s Hill on July 2?
12. What Union corps arrived last at Gettysburg on July 2?
13. What Confederate general led a brigade that crossed the Emittsburg Road and almost reached the Copse of Trees on July 2?
14. What was the name of the river on the east side of Culp’s Hill?
15. What Union Brigadier General led his brigade in the defense of Culp’s Hill against a Confederate division on the evening of July 2?
16. What was the name of the family whose house was the center of assaults in front of Ziegler’s Grove on July 3?
17. Who were the Confederate generals that led divisions in the assault on Cemetery Ridge on July 3?
18. What happened to the three Confederate generals during the assault on July 3?
19. What Union corps was at the center of the Confederate assault on July 3?
20. What did George Pickett say to General Lee after the assault on July 3?

24th Annual West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference
November 7-9, 2008 Clovis, California(adjacent to and northeast of Fresno)
"Civil War in the Shenandoah Valley"

Featuring:

Robert K. Krick, Jeffry Wert, Jim Stanbery, Peter Cozzens, Evan Jones, Don and Bill Bennett, David Paul Davenport, and Emily and Olivia Moats, in a one act play based on the Civil War diaries of Laura Lee, Secessionist, and Julia Chase, a Unionist, residents of Winchester, Virginia. The Brass Band of the Central California Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will regale registrants with music of the period on Friday the 7th before dinner.

A special showing of Shenandoah with Jimmy Stewart will be presented in the barely a year old theater/auditorium of the Veterans Memorial Building on Friday the 7th at 9 pm.

An optional tour on Saturday the 8th from 9 am to noon features a tour of the Fresno home of Dr. Meux (portrayed by Charles Baley), an assistant surgeon in the 9th Tennessee Vol. Inf. (C.S.A.) who moved to Fresno after losing his slaves and other valuables as a result of the war, and a tour to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial and internments of Union Veterans of the War at Fresno's Mountain View Cemetery, led by G.A.R. historian Fred Bohmfalk of Elk Grove.

Bloody Shenandoah, narrated by Burgess Meredith, will be shown at approximately 9 p.m. following the Keynote Address after dinner on Saturday the 8th. Hundreds of books will be for sale, information about a tour of the Shenandoah Valley in 2009 will be available, and civil war artifacts and weaponry will be displayed.

Comfort Suites (143 Clovis Ave, 559-299-9992) and Best Western Clovis Cole (415 Clovis Ave, 559-299-1547) hotels in Old Town Clovis have reserved blocks of rooms for us at only \$109.00 for a double room. Ask for the Civil War Conference Rate. The meeting will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building at Hughes and 6th less than two blocks from the two hotels. The registration fee of \$175.00, includes six meals (Dinner Friday the 7th, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday the 8th, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday the 9th).

Please fill in the information below to register for the conference. Registrants should make hotel reservations by directly contacting the conference hotels.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City & Zip _____

E-mail _____

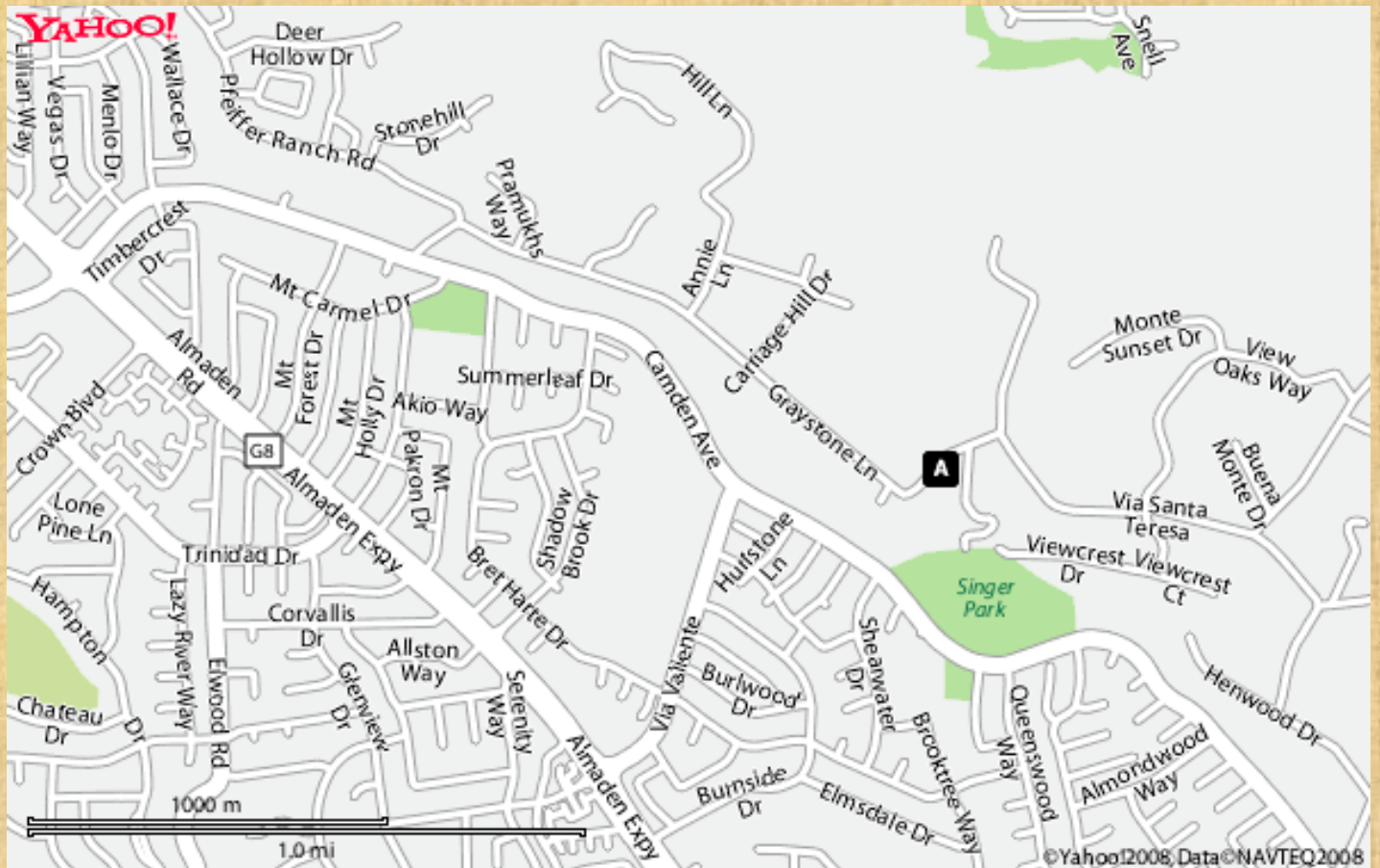
Attending Friday only, \$50.00

Attending Saturday only, \$100.00

Attending Sunday only, \$50.00

Those who wish to go on the tour of the home of Dr. Meux add an additional \$10.00 to the registration fee.

Make checks for \$175.00 to SNCWRT P.O. Box 5695 Fresno, CA 93755



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